

3rd week of August
[A King Who Fulfills God's Word with All His Heart](#)

- **Text:** 2 Kings 23:21~25 (August 15 text)
- **Bottom line:** You don't just need to know God's words, you have to put them into practice to the best of your ability.

≡ **1. Praise**

(Hymn 199) 나의 사랑하는 책

≡ **2. Prayer**

Living God, our family gathered in this place of worship. When we meditate on Your Word, help us know Your heart and keep Your word at the center of our lives.

≡ **3. The Word**

Read 2 Kings 23:21~25 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

<ESV>

21 And the king commanded all the people, "Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." 22 For no such Passover had been kept since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah. 23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was kept to the Lord in Jerusalem. 24 Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums and the necromancers and the household gods and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord. 25 Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.

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21 Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Celebrate the Passover to the Lord your God as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." 22 Truly such a Passover had not been celebrated since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. 23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was celebrated to the Lord in Jerusalem. 24 Moreover, Josiah removed the mediums, the spiritists, the household idols, the idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so that he might fulfill the words of the Law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord. 25 Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might, in conformity to all the Law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

Understanding Text

Josiah kept the Passover with the people as recorded in the book of the covenant. From the time of the judges to the time of Josiah, no king kept the Passover like Josiah. Josiah was a king who loved God with all his heart, mind, and strength, and obeyed God's word thoroughly.

Understanding the text for India

Josiah ascended to the throne at the age of 8 and ruled for 31 years. Unlike his grandfather Manasseh and father Amon, Josiah, like David, served God completely and acted honestly. Josiah's time was a time of general peace, as Assyria, which had destroyed northern Israel, was losing its power and Babylon was not yet strong. In the 18th year of his reign, Josiah had the abandoned temple repaired. When Josiah learned about the contents of the law through the book of the law of Moses while repairing the temple, he realized that he had not lived according to God's word. He preached God's word to the people, and he decided to live according to God's word as one with them. Josiah first got rid of all the abominable idols that were not pleasing to God. Then, they obeyed God's command, "Keep the Passover from generation to generation" (Exodus 13:5~10) and kept the Passover. I did my best to keep the Passover with a heart of repentance for not living according to God's word. The Bible records that none of the kings who ruled Israel from the time of the judges to the time of Josiah kept the Passover so well. There has never been a king like Josiah who lived according to God's word and loved God with all his heart, mind, and strength. Josiah not only listened to God's words and understood them, but also tried to live according to God's word to the best of his ability.

4. Sharing

1) Look for all of Josiah's efforts to obey as written in the covenant book (verses 21~25).

Upper Grades

What efforts did Josiah make to live according to God's word?

Lower Grades

What efforts did King Josiah make to live according to God's word?

Question Guide

Josiah kept the Passover as best he could, as written in the book of the covenant. By keeping the Passover thoroughly, we wanted to remember God's salvation and restore the identity of God's people. Josiah also tried to rid the nation of all the idols and idolaters that remained. Let's take a look at how the Holy Sutra evaluates Josiah, who tried to keep the law thoroughly and loved God with all his heart, mind, and strength after discovering the book of the law.

Commentary for India

Josiah loved God, unlike his grandfather Manasseh and his father Amon. So I tried to repair the temple and rebuild my faith in God. As a result, while repairing the temple, I found the book of the law, and after listening to the book of the law, I learned how to live as God's people. Josiah not only got rid of the idols, but he also kept the Passover as written in the book of the covenant. The Bible says that there was no king who kept the Passover so thoroughly. From the strict observance of the Passover, we can see that the king and the people tried to return to God with one heart. Josiah smashed the idols that God hated, He eliminated all the gods and fortune tellers, and there was no king who kept God's word and returned to God before or after Josiah.

2) Share what you want to emulate in Josiah's image and how you will put into practice what you have read, meditated on, and understood today in your daily life.

■ **Upper grades**

What is the most memorable passage of God's Word? What should I do to live by His word ?

■ **Lower Grades**

What is one promise you will make to keep God's word.

□ **Question Guide**

Think of some of the most memorable passages in the Bible to you. Think about the challenge it gives you, and think of specific ways you can apply it in your lives.

□ **Commentary for Leaders**

Josiah listened to God. Then I looked at what I needed to do to live according to God's word and put it into practice. He obeyed God's word to the best of his ability. If Josiah had compromised with reality and allowed idolatry, he would not have been praised by God. It's the same today. People value money and success more than God. What we love more than God and what we value more than God is idols. Even if you meditate on God's word every day and understand many things, if you don't put it into practice, nothing will change. Those who love God live according to God's word, and they must dare to forsake that which is not pleasing to God.

≡ **5. Be grateful**

Thank God for His grace to hear and understand His word everywhere.

≡ **6. Prayer**

God, we confess that there have been many times when we have disobeyed what you have said to us. From now on, we want to abandon what You hate and live according to the words of the written Bible. Please guide us to fulfill Your will with complete obedience.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"